

Resolution on Global Warming and the Christian

WHEREAS some contemporary churches and evangelical organization have joined the voices of alarmist politicians, scientists and environmentalists in warning the civilized world about global warming, Bible-believing Christians should view claims about global warming with caution;

AND, WHEREAS 86 prominent Christian leaders have signed the Evangelical Climate Initiative (ECI) which warns of the catastrophic dangers of global warming and claims Biblically mandated stewardship compels the Christian community to push for strict governmental regulation on CO₂ emissions;

AND, WHEREAS scientists are unsure as to how much climate change is due to human activity and how much is due to natural causes, and as their climate change models are not giving valid reason for past climate changes, they then cannot predict with accuracy any future climate changes;

AND, WHEREAS research indicates that in the last 100 years the global temperature has risen one degree and CO₂ levels have increased, it is also true that global temperatures have fluctuated during that same period and have not risen to the level recorded in 1937 when CO₂ levels were lower than they are now;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting at our Spring Conference at Temple Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska on April 12-14, 2007, exercise caution about the many alarmist claims of catastrophic effects of global warming realizing that the factors affecting are too complex to be drawing absolute conclusions;

AND, WE FURTHER RESOLVE to urge Christians to be responsible as good stewards of God's creation caring for the environment in a reasonable fashion while scientific research continues (Genesis 1:27-31; 2:15; Leviticus 25:1-5) and to be cognizant of the fact that the God of all creation is sovereign and controls the destiny of planet earth (Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 11:15; 2nd Peter 3:7, 10-13).

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